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I can go to the hospital, even...and have them stick a knife in my body and work on it. I don't think people are going to do that. And, if they're injured, I don't think they're just going to be lapping up all this cream that we're so concerned about. There are times when you're drawing workmen's comp when you can be taxed by the federal government. In certain situations, if you are on a light duty status, where you can't make it on the existing workmen's comp, and the employer says, well, come back, we'll give you light duty and we'll give you a little bit of a wage, not your total wage, and then your workmen's comp makes up what your total wage would have been, then that is all balled into a wage, and that is taxed. You can check it out if you'd like. So there are times it is taxed on the federal level, when you can't make it and are forced to go back to work, often times after further aggravating your injuries, but you just can't make it. So that's what...that's how light duty came into existence, because of poor workmen's comp. We know you're injured but...and we know you can't make it, so come on back and we'll give you a little bit to do a little bit. It might further aggravate your injury, might make things worse in the long-run, but we know you can't make it, so come on back, you'll help us out at a cheap rate. And, oh, by the way, you will be taxed on your workmen's comp, too. They probably leave that part out. But I don't think we're going to have people, part-time employees, rushing out to injure themselves so they can draw this extra 20 bucks a week, or whatever it is. I don't think we have a big concern about that and I would support Senator Hall's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 254, and LR 255. Mr. Clerk, do you have something to read in?

CLERK: Mr. President, Education Committee reports LB 618 to General File; and LB 1051 to General File, those signed by Senator Withem. New A bills. (Read LB 1059A and LB 313A by title for the first time.) Senator Smith has amendments to LB 662. I have a motion for introduction of a new bill that will be laid over, that's offered by Senator Coordsen. And, Mr. President, LB 602, LB 858, LB 875, LB 891, LB 906, LB 907, and LB 1013 are reported correctly engrossed. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 788-91 of the Legislative Journal.)